

UNIT 15

(SEE PAGE 88 FOR UNIT 15 MAP)

This unit consists of that portion of the Kenai Peninsula and adjacent islands draining into the Gulf of Alaska, Cook Inlet and Turnagain Arm from Gore Point to the point where longitude line 150° 00' W. crosses the coastline of Chickaloon Bay in Turnagain Arm, including that area lying west of longitude line 150° 00' W. to the mouth of the Russian River, then southerly along the Chugach National Forest boundary to the upper end of Upper Russian Lake; and including the drainages into Upper Russian Lake west of the Chugach National Forest boundary.

Unit 15(A) consists of that portion of Unit 15 north of the Kenai River and Skilak Lake.

Unit 15(B) consists of that portion of Unit 15 south of the Kenai River and Skilak Lake, and north of the Kasilof River, Tustumena Lake, Glacier Creek, and Tustumena Glacier.

Unit 15(C) consists of the remainder of Unit 15.

Special Provisions:

- **The Skilak Loop Wildlife Management Area**, which consists of that portion of Unit 15(A) bounded by a line beginning at the easternmost junction of the Sterling Highway and the Skilak Loop (milepost 76.3), then due south to the south bank of the Kenai River, then southerly along the south bank of the Kenai River to its confluence with Skilak Lake, then westerly along the north shore of Skilak Lake to Lower Skilak Lake Campground, then northerly along the Lower Skilak Lake Campground Road and the Skilak Loop Road to its westernmost junction with the Sterling Highway, then easterly along the Sterling Highway to the point of beginning, is closed to the taking of wildlife, except that grouse, ptarmigan, and hares may be taken only from October 1 - March 1 by bow and arrow only.
- A Federally-qualified subsistence user (recipient) may designate another Federally-qualified subsistence user to take moose on his or her behalf. The designated hunter must obtain a designated hunter permit and must return a completed harvest report. The designated hunter may hunt for any number of recipients but may have no more than two harvest limits in his/her possession at any one time.
- Bait may be used to hunt black bear between April 15 and June 15, subject to Kenai National Wildlife Refuge permit conditions.
- You may not trap furbearers for subsistence in the Skilak Loop Wildlife Management Area.
- You may not trap marten in that portion of Unit 15(B) east of the Kenai River, Skilak Lake, Skilak River, and Skilak Glacier.
- Taking a red fox in Unit 15 by any means other than a steel trap or snare is prohibited.
- Use of aircraft, off-road vehicles, and firearms is subject to special Kenai National Wildlife Refuge regulations. Contact the refuge at (907) 262-7021 for current regulations.

An "All rural residents" designation in the following customary and traditional use determinations means that a specific determination has not yet been made.

Hunting

SPECIES/CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION	HARVEST LIMITS	OPEN SEASONS
BLACK BEAR		
• Unit 15(C) - Residents of Port Graham and Nanwalek	Unit 15(C) - 3 bears	July 1 - June 30
• Units 15(A) and 15(B) - No Federal subsistence priority	Unit 15 - Remainder	No Federal open season

Hunting

SPECIES/CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION

HARVEST LIMITS

OPEN SEASONS

BROWN BEAR

- No Federal subsistence priority

No Federal open season

GOAT

- Units 15(A) and (B) - All rural residents
- Unit 15(C) - Port Graham and Nanwalek hunt areas - Residents of Port Graham and Nanwalek
- Unit 15(C) - Seldovia hunt area - Residents of Seldovia area

No Federal open season

CARIBOU

- No Federal subsistence priority

No Federal open season

SHEEP

- No Federal subsistence priority

No Federal open season

MOOSE

- Residents of Ninilchik, Nanwalek, Port Graham, and Seldovia

Unit 15 (A) - Skilak Loop Wildlife Management Area

No Federal open season

*Federal permits including designated hunter permits may be obtained from the following locations:
Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, Soldotna
Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge, Homer
(See Page 158 for complete addresses)*

Unit 15(A) - remainder; Units 15(B) and 15(C) - 1 antlered bull with spike-fork or 50-inch antlers or with 3 or more brow tines on either antler, by Federal registration permit only

Aug. 10 - Sept. 20

COYOTE

- All rural residents

No limit

Sept. 1 - Apr. 30

HARE (Snowshoe)

- All rural residents

No limit

July 1 - June 30

LYNX

- All rural residents

No Federal open season

WOLF

- All rural residents

Unit 15 - that portion within the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge - 2 wolves

Aug. 10 - Apr. 30

Unit 15 - Remainder - 5 wolves

Aug. 10 - Apr. 30

WOLVERINE

- All rural residents

1 wolverine

Sept. 1 - Mar. 31

SPECIES/CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION

HARVEST LIMITS

OPEN SEASONS

GROUSE

• Spruce grouse - Rural residents of Unit 15	Spruce grouse - 15 per day, 30 in possession	Aug. 10 - Mar. 31
• Ruffed grouse - No Federal subsistence priority	Ruffed grouse	No Federal open season

PTARMIGAN (Rock, Willow, and White-tailed)

• Rural residents of Unit 15	Units 15(A) and (B) - 20 per day, 40 in possession	Aug. 10 - Mar. 31
	Unit 15(C) - 20 per day, 40 in possession	Aug. 10 - Dec. 31
	Unit 15(C) - 5 per day, 10 in possession	Jan. 1 - Mar. 31

Trapping

BEAVER

• All rural residents	20 beaver per season	Nov. 10 - Mar. 31
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COYOTE

• All rural residents	No limit	Nov. 10 - Mar. 31
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FOX, RED (including Cross, Black and Silver Phases)

• All rural residents	1 fox	Nov. 10 - Feb. 28
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LYNX

• All rural residents	No limit	Jan 15 - Feb . 15
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MARTEN

• All rural residents	Unit 15(B) - that portion east of the Kenai River, Skilak Lake, Skilak River and Skilak Glacier	No Federal open season
	Remainder of Unit 15 - No limit	Nov. 10 - Jan. 31

MINK AND WEASEL

• All rural residents	No limit	Nov. 10 - Jan. 31
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MUSKRAT

• All rural residents	No limit	Nov. 10 - May 15
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OTTER

• All rural residents	No limit	Nov. 10 - Feb. 28
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WOLF

• All rural residents	No limit	Nov. 10 - Mar. 31
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WOLVERINE

• All rural residents	Unit 15(A)	No Federal open season
	Units 15(B) and (C) - No limit	Nov. 10 - Feb. 28